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MEMORANDUM FOR : John Parangosky

SUBJECT : Comments on Proposal by [redacted] (ITEK) 25X1

1. If, as looks probable, we are interested in development of the M-2 Camera, it would appear that the purchase of the [redacted] three month effort would be well worthwhile; however, it would be necessary within the first one or two months to make a decision on the remainder of the development of the prototype engineering model. Considering the immediate deteriodation of the group at ITEK, this looks like worthwhile insurance. 25X1

2. I would think that it would be necessary concurrently to evaluate the need for a similar level of effort in the engineering field at Lockheed. They also will be starting to displace engineering talent and break up the team. If, the Lockheed is to be used for the structural portion of the vehicle for the M-2 Program, similar insurance is necessary.

3. Current information on the M and J Program imply continuing need for these instruments. I call attention to the November go-ahead required for uninterrupted deliveries of additional CORONA-MURAL instruments.

4. The current proposal is for an ATLAS/AGENA launch, rather than THOR/AGENA. Weight and diameter are considerably larger. The THOR model was limited to a 60° scan; this system is a 70° scan, like the current MURAL. The original M-2 would not allow camera operation with doors on.

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25X1 [redacted] SSD/OSA: [redacted] (7 October 1963)

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